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POLICE FIND ABDUCTED SIX-WEEK-OLD SAFE; SEARCH CONTINUES FOR FATHER

The Milwaukee Police Department's first use of the Amber Alert system had a happy ending Wednesday night when an abducted 6-week-old girl was found safe. The search continues for her abductor.

Kendale L. Coats, 40, of Chicago, the baby's father, is suspected of taking his daughter from the home she shares with her mother in the 700 block of N. 29th Street in Milwaukee. Milwaukee Police responded to a domestic dispute between Coats and his girlfriend, the baby's mother, at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Coats returned about 2 p.m. and took the baby from the home, threatening to hurt himself or the child if police were contacted. He fled with the child who was dressed only in a pink sleeper and socks.

After checking numerous locations for Coats in Milwaukee and Chicago, Milwaukee Police issued an Amber Alert at about 7 p.m. At about 8:20 p.m. Milwaukee Police Officers who were canvassing the area near N. 25th St. and W. Wells. St. spotted the suspect's car, and found the baby inside, alone and unharmed. The child was evaluated at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and was released to her mother.

The search for the baby girl was a combined effort among the Milwaukee Police Department, FBI, state Department of Criminal Investigation, Chicago Police Department and the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office.

Milwaukee Police also wish to thank all those members of the media who helped get the word out so expediently to help find the child, and we thank the members of the public who called in tips. We continue to ask for their help in finding Kendale Coats.

The State of Wisconsin began using the Amber Alert system on April 30, 2003. This was the first time Milwaukee Police activated the system.

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